

Table 2. Estimated annual expenditures* on a child by husband-wife families, overall United States, 1999

Age of Child	Total	Housing	Food	Transportation	Clothing	Health care	Child care and education	Miscellaneous [†]
Before-tax income: Less than \$36,800 (Average=\$23,000)								
0 - 2	\$6,080	\$2,320	\$860	\$730	\$380	\$430	\$760	\$600
3 - 5	6,210	2,290	960	700	370	410	860	620
6 - 8	6,310	2,210	1,240	820	410	470	510	650
9 - 11	6,330	2,000	1,480	890	460	510	310	680
12 - 14	7,150	2,230	1,560	1,000	770	510	220	860
15 - 17	7,050	1,800	1,680	1,350	680	550	360	630
Total	\$117,390	\$38,550	\$23,340	\$16,470	\$9,210	\$8,640	\$9,060	\$12,120
Before-tax income: \$36,800 to \$61,900 (Average=\$49,000)								
0 - 2	\$8,450	\$3,140	\$1,030	\$1,090	\$450	\$560	\$1,250	\$930
3 - 5	8,660	3,110	1,190	1,060	440	530	1,380	950
6 - 8	8,700	3,030	1,520	1,180	480	610	890	990
9 - 11	8,650	2,820	1,790	1,250	530	660	580	1,020
12 - 14	9,390	3,050	1,800	1,360	900	670	420	1,190
15 - 17	9,530	2,620	2,000	1,720	800	700	730	960
Total	\$160,140	\$53,310	\$27,990	\$22,980	\$10,800	\$11,190	\$15,750	\$18,120
Before-tax income: More than \$61,900 (Average=\$92,700)								
0 - 2	\$12,550	\$4,990	\$1,370	\$1,520	\$590	\$640	\$1,880	\$1,560
3 - 5	12,840	4,960	1,550	1,500	580	620	2,050	1,580
6 - 8	12,710	4,880	1,870	1,610	630	700	1,410	1,610
9 - 11	12,600	4,670	2,170	1,680	690	760	980	1,650
12 - 14	13,450	4,900	2,280	1,800	1,140	760	750	1,820
15 - 17	13,800	4,470	2,400	2,180	1,030	800	1,330	1,590
Total	\$233,850	\$86,610	\$34,920	\$30,870	\$13,980	\$12,840	\$25,200	\$29,430

*Estimates are based on 1990-92 Consumer Expenditure Survey data updated to 1999 dollars using the Consumer Price Index. For each age category, the expense estimates represent average child-rearing expenditures for each age (e.g., the expense for the 3-5 age category, on average, applies to the 3-year-old, the 4-year-old, or the 5-year-old). The figures represent estimated expenses on the younger child in a two-child family. Estimates are about the same for the older child, so to calculate expenses for two children, figures should be summed for the appropriate age categories. To estimate expenses for an only child, multiply the total expense for the appropriate age category by 1.24. To estimate expenses for each child in a family with three or more children, multiply the total expense for each appropriate age category by 0.77. For expenses on all children in a family, these totals should be summed.

[†]Miscellaneous expenses include personal care items, entertainment, and reading materials.

Table 3. Estimated annual expenditures* on a child by husband-wife families, urban West,[†] 1999

Age of Child	Total	Housing	Food	Transportation	Clothing	Health care	Child care and education	Miscellaneous [‡]
Before-tax income: Less than \$36,900 (Average=\$23,000)								
0 - 2	\$6,740	\$2,820	\$950	\$800	\$360	\$360	\$750	\$700
3 - 5	6,890	2,800	1,050	780	350	340	850	720
6 - 8	7,050	2,760	1,350	890	400	390	500	760
9 - 11	7,160	2,610	1,620	960	440	430	300	800
12 - 14	7,930	2,800	1,690	1,080	740	440	210	970
15 - 17	7,860	2,400	1,830	1,420	650	460	360	740
Total	\$130,890	\$48,570	\$25,470	\$17,790	\$8,820	\$7,260	\$8,910	\$14,070
Before-tax income: \$36,900 to \$62,000 (Average=\$49,100)								
0 - 2	\$9,140	\$3,630	\$1,120	\$1,180	\$430	\$490	\$1,250	\$1,040
3 - 5	9,370	3,610	1,280	1,150	420	470	1,380	1,060
6 - 8	9,450	3,570	1,640	1,260	470	530	890	1,090
9 - 11	9,470	3,410	1,930	1,330	520	570	580	1,130
12 - 14	10,170	3,600	1,940	1,450	870	580	430	1,300
15 - 17	10,360	3,210	2,150	1,810	770	610	730	1,080
Total	\$173,880	\$63,090	\$30,180	\$24,540	\$10,440	\$9,750	\$15,780	\$20,100
Before-tax income: More than \$62,000 (Average=\$92,900)								
0 - 2	\$13,110	\$5,370	\$1,440	\$1,620	\$560	\$570	\$1,900	\$1,650
3 - 5	13,410	5,350	1,630	1,600	550	550	2,060	1,670
6 - 8	13,340	5,310	1,960	1,700	610	630	1,420	1,710
9 - 11	13,270	5,150	2,290	1,770	660	670	990	1,740
12 - 14	14,070	5,340	2,390	1,890	1,090	680	770	1,910
15 - 17	14,470	4,950	2,520	2,270	990	710	1,340	1,690
Total	\$245,010	\$94,410	\$36,690	\$32,550	\$13,380	\$11,430	\$25,440	\$31,110

*Estimates are based on 1990-92 Consumer Expenditure Survey data updated to 1999 dollars using the regional Consumer Price Index. For each age category, the expense estimates represent average child-rearing expenditures for each age (e.g., the expense for the 3-5 age category, on average, applies to the 3-year-old, the 4-year-old, or the 5-year-old). The figures represent estimated expenses on the younger child in a two-child family. Estimates are about the same for the older child, so to calculate expenses for two children, figures should be summed for the appropriate age categories. To estimate expenses for an only child, multiply the total expense for the appropriate age category by 1.24. To estimate expenses for each child in a family with three or more children, multiply the total expense for each appropriate age category by 0.77. For expenses on all children in a family, these totals should be summed.

[†]The Western region consists of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

[‡]Miscellaneous expenses include personal care items, entertainment, and reading materials.

Table 4. Estimated annual expenditures* on a child by husband-wife families, urban Northeast,[†] 1999

Age of Child	Total	Housing	Food	Transportation	Clothing	Health care	Child care and education	Miscellaneous [‡]
Before-tax income: Less than \$36,500 (Average=\$22,800)								
0 - 2	\$6,380	\$2,760	\$970	\$600	\$410	\$420	\$630	\$590
3 - 5	6,510	2,740	1,070	580	400	400	710	610
6 - 8	6,710	2,710	1,370	690	440	450	410	640
9 - 11	6,830	2,550	1,630	750	490	490	240	680
12 - 14	7,690	2,740	1,700	880	840	500	170	860
15 - 17	7,570	2,350	1,840	1,210	740	520	280	630
Total	\$125,070	\$47,550	\$25,740	\$14,130	\$9,960	\$8,340	\$7,320	\$12,030
Before-tax income: \$36,500 to \$61,400 (Average=\$48,600)								
0 - 2	\$8,670	\$3,550	\$1,130	\$970	\$480	\$550	\$1,070	\$920
3 - 5	8,910	3,530	1,290	950	470	530	1,190	950
6 - 8	9,040	3,490	1,640	1,060	520	610	740	980
9 - 11	9,100	3,340	1,930	1,120	570	650	470	1,020
12 - 14	9,890	3,530	1,940	1,250	970	660	350	1,190
15 - 17	10,010	3,140	2,150	1,600	870	690	590	970
Total	\$166,860	\$61,740	\$30,240	\$20,850	\$11,640	\$11,070	\$13,230	\$18,090
Before-tax income: More than \$61,400 (Average=\$92,000)								
0 - 2	\$12,580	\$5,250	\$1,440	\$1,410	\$620	\$650	\$1,660	\$1,550
3 - 5	12,860	5,230	1,620	1,390	610	620	1,820	1,570
6 - 8	12,850	5,200	1,960	1,500	660	710	1,220	1,600
9 - 11	12,830	5,040	2,280	1,570	720	750	830	1,640
12 - 14	13,740	5,230	2,380	1,690	1,210	770	640	1,820
15 - 17	13,990	4,840	2,510	2,060	1,100	790	1,100	1,590
Total	\$236,550	\$92,370	\$36,570	\$28,860	\$14,760	\$12,870	\$21,810	\$29,310

*Estimates are based on 1990-92 Consumer Expenditure Survey data updated to 1999 dollars using the regional Consumer Price Index. For each age category, the expense estimates represent average child-rearing expenditures for each age (e.g., the expense for the 3-5 age category, on average, applies to the 3-year-old, the 4-year-old, or the 5-year-old). The figures represent estimated expenses on the younger child in a two-child family. Estimates are about the same for the older child, so to calculate expenses for two children, figures should be summed for the appropriate age categories. To estimate expenses for an only child, multiply the total expense for the appropriate age category by 1.24. To estimate expenses for each child in a family with three or more children, multiply the total expense for each appropriate age category by 0.77. For expenses on all children in a family, these totals should be summed.

[†]The Northeast region consists of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

[‡]Miscellaneous expenses include personal care items, entertainment, and reading materials.

Table 5. Estimated annual expenditures* on a child by husband-wife families, urban South,[†] 1999

Age of Child	Total	Housing	Food	Transportation	Clothing	Health care	Child care and education	Miscellaneous [‡]
Before-tax income: Less than \$36,800 (Average=\$23,000)								
0 - 2	\$6,120	\$2,270	\$830	\$720	\$410	\$470	\$850	\$570
3 - 5	6,270	2,250	930	700	400	450	950	590
6 - 8	6,380	2,210	1,210	800	440	520	570	630
9 - 11	6,450	2,050	1,460	870	490	560	350	670
12 - 14	7,240	2,240	1,530	990	820	570	250	840
15 - 17	7,180	1,850	1,660	1,330	720	590	420	610
Total	\$118,920	\$38,610	\$22,860	\$16,230	\$9,840	\$9,480	\$10,170	\$11,730
Before-tax income: \$36,800 to \$61,900 (Average=\$48,900)								
0 - 2	\$8,540	\$3,070	\$1,000	\$1,080	\$480	\$620	\$1,380	\$910
3 - 5	8,780	3,050	1,160	1,060	470	590	1,520	930
6 - 8	8,820	3,010	1,490	1,170	520	680	990	960
9 - 11	8,800	2,850	1,770	1,240	570	720	650	1,000
12 - 14	9,510	3,040	1,770	1,360	950	730	490	1,170
15 - 17	9,740	2,650	1,980	1,710	850	760	840	950
Total	\$162,570	\$53,010	\$27,510	\$22,860	\$11,520	\$12,300	\$17,610	\$17,760
Before-tax income: More than \$61,900 (Average=\$92,700)								
0 - 2	\$12,540	\$4,790	\$1,320	\$1,520	\$620	\$720	\$2,050	\$1,520
3 - 5	12,850	4,770	1,500	1,500	610	690	2,230	1,550
6 - 8	12,740	4,740	1,810	1,600	670	780	1,560	1,580
9 - 11	12,650	4,580	2,120	1,670	730	830	1,100	1,620
12 - 14	13,460	4,770	2,220	1,790	1,190	840	860	1,790
15 - 17	13,920	4,380	2,350	2,160	1,080	870	1,510	1,570
Total	\$234,480	\$84,090	\$33,960	\$30,720	\$14,700	\$14,190	\$27,930	\$28,890

*Estimates are based on 1990-92 Consumer Expenditure Survey data updated to 1999 dollars using the regional Consumer Price Index. For each age category, the expense estimates represent average child-rearing expenditures for each age (e.g., the expense for the 3-5 age category, on average, applies to the 3-year-old, the 4-year-old, or the 5-year-old). The figures represent estimated expenses on the younger child in a two-child family. Estimates are about the same for the older child, so to calculate expenses for two children, figures should be summed for the appropriate age categories. To estimate expenses for an only child, multiply the total expense for the appropriate age category by 1.24. To estimate expenses for each child in a family with three or more children, multiply the total expense for each appropriate age category by 0.77. For expenses on all children in a family, these totals should be summed.

[†]The Southern region consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

[‡]Miscellaneous expenses include personal care items, entertainment, and reading materials.

Table 6. Estimated annual expenditures* on a child by husband-wife families, urban Midwest,[†] 1999

Age of Child	Total	Housing	Food	Transportation	Clothing	Health care	Child care and education	Miscellaneous [‡]
Before-tax income: Less than \$37,100 (Average=\$23,100)								
0 - 2	\$5,510	\$2,060	\$790	\$640	\$350	\$390	\$740	\$540
3 - 5	5,660	2,040	890	620	340	370	840	560
6 - 8	5,780	2,000	1,150	730	380	420	500	600
9 - 11	5,860	1,840	1,400	800	420	460	300	640
12 - 14	6,630	2,030	1,470	930	710	470	210	810
15 - 17	6,560	1,640	1,600	1,270	630	490	350	580
Total	\$108,000	\$34,830	\$21,900	\$14,970	\$8,490	\$7,800	\$8,820	\$11,190
Before-tax income: \$37,100 to \$62,400 (Average=\$49,300)								
0 - 2	\$7,890	\$2,860	\$960	\$1,020	\$410	\$520	\$1,240	\$880
3 - 5	8,130	2,840	1,120	1,000	400	500	1,370	900
6 - 8	8,170	2,800	1,430	1,110	450	570	880	930
9 - 11	8,190	2,650	1,710	1,180	500	610	570	970
12 - 14	8,890	2,840	1,710	1,300	840	630	420	1,150
15 - 17	9,050	2,440	1,920	1,660	740	650	720	920
Total	\$150,960	\$49,290	\$26,550	\$21,810	\$10,020	\$10,440	\$15,600	\$17,250
Before-tax income: More than \$62,400 (Average=\$93,300)								
0 - 2	\$11,890	\$4,600	\$1,280	\$1,470	\$540	\$620	\$1,880	\$1,500
3 - 5	12,180	4,580	1,460	1,450	530	590	2,050	1,520
6 - 8	12,060	4,540	1,760	1,550	580	670	1,410	1,550
9 - 11	11,990	4,380	2,070	1,620	640	720	970	1,590
12 - 14	12,800	4,570	2,160	1,750	1,060	730	760	1,770
15 - 17	13,180	4,180	2,290	2,130	960	760	1,320	1,540
Total	\$222,300	\$80,550	\$33,060	\$29,910	\$12,930	\$12,270	\$25,170	\$28,410

*Estimates are based on 1990-92 Consumer Expenditure Survey data updated to 1999 dollars using the regional Consumer Price Index. For each age category, the expense estimates represent average child-rearing expenditures for each age (e.g., the expense for the 3-5 age category, on average, applies to the 3-year-old, the 4-year-old, or the 5-year-old). The figures represent estimated expenses on the younger child in a two-child family. Estimates are about the same for the older child, so to calculate expenses for two children, figures should be summed for the appropriate age categories. To estimate expenses for an only child, multiply the total expense for the appropriate age category by 1.24. To estimate expenses for each child in a family with three or more children, multiply the total expense for each appropriate age category by 0.77. For expenses on all children in a family, these totals should be summed.

[†]The Midwest region consists of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

[‡]Miscellaneous expenses include personal care items, entertainment, and reading materials.

Table 7. Estimated annual expenditures* on a child by husband-wife families, Rural areas,[†] 1999

Age of Child	Total	Housing	Food	Transportation	Clothing	Health care	Child care and education	Miscellaneous [‡]
Before-tax income: Less than \$37,200 (Average=\$23,200)								
0 - 2	\$5,540	\$1,720	\$810	\$830	\$370	\$470	\$760	\$580
3 - 5	5,680	1,700	910	810	360	450	850	600
6 - 8	5,800	1,660	1,170	910	410	510	500	640
9 - 11	5,890	1,500	1,420	980	460	550	300	680
12 - 14	6,700	1,690	1,490	1,110	770	570	220	850
15 - 17	6,620	1,300	1,620	1,450	680	590	360	620
Total	\$108,690	\$28,710	\$22,260	\$18,270	\$9,150	\$9,420	\$8,970	\$11,910
Before-tax income: \$37,200 to \$62,600 (Average=\$49,500)								
0 - 2	\$7,930	\$2,520	\$980	\$1,200	\$440	\$620	\$1,250	\$920
3 - 5	8,170	2,500	1,140	1,180	430	590	1,390	940
6 - 8	8,200	2,460	1,450	1,280	480	670	890	970
9 - 11	8,230	2,310	1,730	1,350	530	720	580	1,010
12 - 14	8,960	2,500	1,730	1,480	900	730	430	1,190
15 - 17	9,140	2,100	1,940	1,840	800	760	740	960
Total	\$151,890	\$43,170	\$26,910	\$24,990	\$10,740	\$12,270	\$15,840	\$17,970
Before-tax income: More than \$62,600 (Average=\$93,700)								
0 - 2	\$11,930	\$4,260	\$1,300	\$1,640	\$580	\$710	\$1,900	\$1,540
3 - 5	12,220	4,240	1,470	1,620	570	690	2,070	1,560
6 - 8	12,130	4,210	1,780	1,720	620	780	1,420	1,600
9 - 11	12,070	4,050	2,090	1,790	680	830	990	1,640
12 - 14	12,910	4,240	2,190	1,920	1,140	840	770	1,810
15 - 17	13,270	3,850	2,310	2,290	1,030	870	1,340	1,580
Total	\$223,590	\$74,550	\$33,420	\$32,940	\$13,860	\$14,160	\$25,470	\$29,190

*Estimates are based on 1990-92 Consumer Expenditure Survey data updated to 1999 dollars using the population size Consumer Price Index. For each age category, the expense estimates represent average child-rearing expenditures for each age (e.g., the expense for the 3-5 age category, on average, applies to the 3-year-old, the 4-year-old, or the 5-year-old). The figures represent estimated expenses on the younger child in a two-child family. Estimates are about the same for the older child, so to calculate expenses for two children, figures should be summed for the appropriate age categories. To estimate expenses for an only child, multiply the total expense for the appropriate age category by 1.24. To estimate expenses for each child in a family with three or more children, multiply the total expense for each appropriate age category by 0.77. For expenses on all children in a family, these totals should be summed.

[†]Rural areas are places of fewer than 2,500 people outside a Metropolitan Statistical Area.

[‡]Miscellaneous expenses include personal care items, entertainment, and reading materials.

Table 8. Estimated annual expenditures* on a child by single-parent families, overall United States, 1999

Age of Child	Total	Housing	Food	Transportation	Clothing	Health care	Child care and education	Miscellaneous [†]
Before-tax income: Less than \$36,800 (Average=\$15,400)								
0 - 2	\$5,090	\$2,080	\$950	\$680	\$340	\$210	\$470	\$360
3 - 5	5,770	2,370	1,010	600	360	300	650	480
6 - 8	6,480	2,510	1,270	690	430	350	590	640
9 - 11	6,070	2,420	1,470	500	430	450	280	520
12 - 14	6,540	2,420	1,470	580	730	480	360	500
15 - 17	7,240	2,560	1,600	910	850	470	270	580
Total	\$111,570	\$43,080	\$23,310	\$11,880	\$9,420	\$6,780	\$7,860	\$9,240
Before-tax income: \$36,800 or more (Average=\$55,900)								
0 - 2	\$11,680	\$4,480	\$1,480	\$2,080	\$490	\$470	\$1,170	\$1,510
3 - 5	12,550	4,770	1,560	2,000	510	630	1,460	1,620
6 - 8	13,340	4,910	1,870	2,090	590	720	1,370	1,790
9 - 11	12,880	4,810	2,250	1,900	590	870	800	1,660
12 - 14	13,690	4,820	2,210	1,980	980	920	1,140	1,640
15 - 17	14,120	4,960	2,340	2,140	1,120	910	930	1,720
Total	\$234,780	\$86,250	\$35,130	\$36,570	\$12,840	\$13,560	\$20,610	\$29,820

*Estimates are based on 1990-92 Consumer Expenditure Survey data updated to 1999 dollars using the Consumer Price Index. For each age category, the expense estimates represent average child-rearing expenditures for each age (e.g., the expense for the 3-5 age category, on average, applies to the 3-year-old, the 4-year-old, or the 5-year-old). The figures represent estimated expenses on the younger child in a single-parent, two-child family. For estimated expenses on the older child, multiply the total expense for the appropriate age category by 0.93. To estimate expenses for two children, the expenses on the younger child and older child—after adjusting the expense on the older child downward—should be summed for the appropriate age categories. To estimate expenses for an only child, multiply the total expense for the appropriate age category by 1.35. To estimate expenses for each child in a family with three or more children, multiply the total expense for each appropriate age category by 0.72—after adjusting the expenses on the older children downward. For expenses on all children in a family, these totals should be summed.

[†]Miscellaneous expenses include personal care items, entertainment, and reading materials.